

Reference character 181 has been replaced with reference characters 181A, 181B, and 181C.

**REMARKS**

The drawings were amended to correct reference characters. The specification was amended to reflect the corrections to the drawings. Claims 2-7, 9-20, 25-31, 33, 35, and 37 are standing in this application. Claims 21-24 and 36 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. No new matter has been entered. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the standing claims are respectfully requested.

At page 2, paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because the reference character “11” and the reference characters “169”, “177”, “179”, and “181” were used to designate multiple elements in the same view. Applicant respectfully traverses the objection based on the amendments above and the following remarks.

To address the objection to the drawings raised in the Office Action, Applicant is submitting herewith replacement drawing sheets of FIGS. 1-23, which include changes to FIGS. 1, 3-6, and 11. The changes were made to overcome the objections and comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). Applicant respectfully submits that the corrected drawings sheets comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d). No new matter has been added. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

Applicant has amended the specification to properly reflect the correction to the drawings in the specification. Accordingly, Applicant has amended paragraphs [0048], [0053], [0055], [0057]-[0063], [0065], [0067], [0069], [0070], [0073], [0075], and [0076]. No new matter has been added.

Atty. Docket No. 010520  
Serial No. 09/998,152  
Response Dated March 12, 2008  
Reply to Office Action Dated December 12, 2007

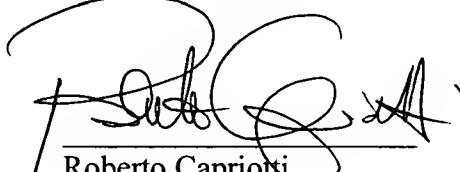
At page 4, paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 21-24 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has cancelled claims 21-24 and 36 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Therefore, the rejection with respect to claims 21-24 and 26 is now rendered moot.

At page 5, paragraph 8 of the Office Action claims 2-7, 9-20, 25-31, 33, 35, and 37 are allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office issue a timely notice of allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone to discuss any outstanding issues with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-1110.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberto Capriotti  
Reg. No. 46,599  
Attorney for Applicant

KIRKPATRICK & LOCKHART PRESTON GATES ELLIS LLP  
Henry W. Oliver Building  
535 Smithfield Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312

Telephone: (412) 355-6423  
Fax: (412) 355-6501  
E-Mail: roberto.capriotti@klgates.com

Customer No. 26285